

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested. By this amendment, claims 2 and 5 were amended. Claims 1, 4, 9, 11-14 and 27 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 2, 3, 5-8, 19-22 and 24 are pending. Claims 5-8, 19-22, and 24 were indicated as being allowable. Claim 5, which originally depended on claim 1, is amended to include subject matter of claim 1, which was inadvertently not included in the previous amendment filed February 28, 2006. These amendments to claim 5 do not raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search.

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 2 and 3 if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 2 is amended to include all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. Claim 3 depends from claim 2. Therefore, claims 2 and 3 are allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified patent application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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